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The Hon, Richard M. Berman United States District Judge Southern District of New York United States Courthouse - Fole

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SO ORDERED: Richard M. Berman, U.S.D

Re:

Oatar Shipping Co. Q.S.C. v. Totalmar Navigation TRONICALLY FILED

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Dear Judge Berman:

We represent Plaintiff Qatar Shipping Co. Q.S.C. ("Qatar") in the captioned action and write further to the recent correspondence on behalf of Qatar and Defendant Totalmar Navigation Corp. ("Totalmar") in the above matter.

As the Court may recall, Qatar filed this action pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B against Totalmar seeking security for claims arising from Totalmar's breach of a charter for the M/V JINAN. Totalmar takes the position that it breached the charter because its subcharterer Floval Oil Corp. ("Floval") failed to provide the cargo which was to be carried under the Qatar/Totalmar charter.

For some time Oatar has encouraged Totalmar to take steps to obtain security from Floval with the intent that Qatar would attach that security as security for its claims against Totalmar. This morning we were advised by counsel for Totalmar that yesterday Totalmar filed a Rule B attachment action in this court seeking security in respect to Totalmar's claims against Floval for breach of the sub-charter. (The Totalmar claim against Floval includes an indemnity claim for all sums which Totalmar must pay to Qatar.)

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To the extent Totalmar attaches assets belonging to Floval as security for Totalmar's claims, the New York action brought by Qatar against Totalmar provides a vehicle by which Qatar may "piggyback" onto that security as security for Qatar's claim against Totalmar. This is so because Totalmar will have a provisional interest in the Floval assets and Qatar is entitled to restrain any assets in which Totalmar has such interest as security for its claims.

Prior to writing to the Court, I inquired of Totalmar's counsel whether Totalmar would agree to withdraw its objection to the Qatar v. Totalmar action being permitted to continue. Mr. Crowley, on behalf of Totalmar, has advised that Totalmar will not withdraw its objection but it is likely that Totalmar will not oppose Qatar's request that the New York action be permitted to continue.

Accordingly, in addition to the reasons set for in its prior correspondence, Qatar respectfully requests the Court permit the Qatar v. Totalmar action to continue so that Qatar may "piggyback" on any security obtained in favor of Totalmar from Floval.

The undersigned counsel remains available to appear before Your Honor at any time to further discuss this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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